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C O N F I D E N T I A L DURBAN 0305

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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI DESIRE TO MEET SECRETARY;
BUTHELEZI'S PERSONAL SECURITY

REFS: A. DURBAN 0295 (NOTAL); B. MBABANE 0857; C.STATE 126405;
D. CAPE TOWN 0669

1. CONSUL GENERAL DID HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR LONG PRIVATE TALK WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI JULY 4. CHIEF MADE CLEAR THAT WHILE HE NATURALLY WOULD WELCOME AT ANY TIME THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS SOUTHER AFRICAN PROBLEMS WITH THE SECRETARY OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE, HE HAD NO PERSONAL TRAVEL PLANS AT THIS POINT AND WAS THEREFORE NOT SEEKING ANY SPECIFIC APPOINTMENT. BUTHELEZI ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCOMFORTED BY RECENT ATTEMPTS (REF A) BY ARGUS GROUP JOURNALISTS TO SET UP SUCH AN APPOINTMENT. HE READILY ACKNOWLEDGED DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING SUCH MATTERS WITH US DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES.

2. ALSO SEIZED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS RECENT REQUEST BY BUTHELEZI'S SUPPORTERS FOR US TO PROVIDE SECURITY PROTECTION DURING CHIEF'S TRAVEL (REFS B,C, D). BUTHELEZI FULLY UNDERSTOOD LIMITATION ON US ABILITY TO PROTECT HIM ANYWHERE BUT IN US AND ALSO APPRECIATED THAT SUCH EFFORTS WOULD CONTRAVENE DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE. HE
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APPEARED NOT TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD EXTENT TO WHICH TSHABALALA

HAD GONE IN APPROACHING OUR MBABANE EMBASSY. HE DISMISSED
GENERAL TOPIC BY SAYING HIS SUPPORTERS WERE ALWAYS MORE
CONCERNED ABOUT HIS SAFETY THAN HE WAS HIMSELF.
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